International charter air services from Madurai

196. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to permit international charter flights to and from Madurai like Goa and Kerala during tourist season considering Madurai is a tourist destination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Government has allowed operation of tourist charter flights to/from any airport in India without any limitation on frequency of flights or size of the aircraft, provided Customs and Immigration facilities are available. However, these facilities would be made available on either ad-hoc or seasonal basis by Customs and Immigration Authorities on the request of the tour operator. So far, the Government has not received any request from the tour operators for operation of such charter flights to/from Madurai.

(c) Does not arise.

New-flying institutes

197. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy in Rai Bareli, Uttar Pradesh in the near future;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the additional investment proposed to be made and the likely increase in the output of pilots from there;

(c) whether Government also propose to set up a new flying institute near Nagpur in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, whether the new institute would be entirely owned by Government or would be a joint venture with private participation; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government propose to upgrade Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academi, Rai Bareli at an estimated cost of Rs. 57 crores, approximately. This includes induction of single engine and multi engine aircraft, rebuilding of helicopters, modernisation of runway, construction of additional building for hostel, hangar and office and acquisition of the adjacent Sultanpur airfield. the upgradation would increase its output from 40 trainees per year to 100 trainees per year.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The new institute is proposed to be set up at Gondia in Maharashtra. Final decision on the structure of the proposed institute is yet to be taken.

"Air Misses"

198. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of "air miss" reported during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of aircrafts and airways involved in each of the air misses;

(c) the reasons for each air miss; and

(d) the steps taken to avoid recurrence of air miss in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Air miss incidents are categorised as 'risk of collision', 'safety not assured' and 'no risk of collision/risk not determined'. 13 air miss incidents were reported in the year 2003, 15 in 2004 and 21 in 2005, out of which there was no incident under the category 'risk of collision' in 2003 and there was one incident in 2004 and two in 2005 in this category.

(b) and (c) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below)

(d) In order to enhance safety of aircraft operations and avoiding air miss incidents Directorate General of Civil Aviaition (DGCA) has issued Civil Aviation Requirements, making installation of Airborne Collision Avoidance System (ACAS) and Mode "S" transponder on aircraft mandatory. Apart from this, Airports Authority of India (AAI) have installed Automatic Dependant Surveilliance and Controller Pilot Data Link